

Carter Lake

Sailing Club



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Sailing into our 57th year

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Commodore

By Victor Hoisington

Last week I got stuck in New York due to one of their never ending blizzards, I've been lucky, managing to dodge almost all of the Nor'easters but, fate finally caught up with me. While learning more about airport snow cleaning operations than I ever wanted to know, I got to thinking only a few more weeks and the sailing season starts. In less than 4 weeks we'll be putting the docks in, which is always an exciting day. Everyone comes out and we all get to say hello to our fellow sailors and begin the season. Then its boats and potlucks, spring racing and before you know it the regatta will be here.

This season promises to be our best yet, the water is high and the weather is only going to get better. As we get our boats ready for the season, let's also remember that we need to get the clubhouse and grounds ready as well. Please take the time to ask a committee chairperson or e-board member how you can help. Only by volunteering can we ensure the long-term life of the club and our sailing passions.

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Oh yeah, don't forget to celebrate the Americas Cup return to America. We might get to watch the greatest yacht race in the world from the shores of San Francisco Bay.

See you all soon!

Treasurer

By Tim Schneider

Greetings fellow seekers of the wind!
The 2010 CLSC budget was approved by the membership at the Winter Membership Banquet on February 20th. The budget is accessible to club members on our web site: Once you logon, you can find it under Officers and Bylaws > Minutes on the navigation bar on the left side of the page.

The best news about the budget is that we were able to keep the dues and slip fees the same as last year. While this forced us to make some tough choices, we worked hard to protect our investment in our most important assets (e.g. the slips). So overall, the club is in good financial shape for the coming sailing season.

Cheers!

Racing Committee

By Duane Chaloupka

The Spring Series races begin the weekend of April 17-18. Are you ready? PHRF racers should apply to S.A.I.L. for their 2010 rating certificates and all racers should consider becoming members of S.A.I.L. It is the organization that coordinates the regatta schedule and represents our region in US Sailing. Membership information is at www.rmsail.org.

The annual pre-season racers meeting will be March 13, 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. We need to finalize the racing schedule, decide on

start times, and discuss any changes to the sailing instructions. The tentative schedule and sailing instructions are available in the racing section of the CLSC web site. Please review them and bring a copy to the meeting. I would also like to discuss the possibility of a one-day summer regatta and resurrection of the Rusty Nail event.

A couple seasonal volunteers are needed to do race scoring using the Sailwave program, and to solicit and schedule race committee for all events. These tasks and others are listed in the new work opportunities section of the web site.



Courtesy Dock comes home. Left to right are Bryce, Jeff Kirkpatrick, and John Homan (photo courtesy of Brent Buchanan)

Docks

By Bryce Harward and Jeff Kirkpatrick

Spring is just around the corner and so too is Slip Put-in Day, scheduled for Saturday March 27th at 9am. If the weather will not cooperate, the alternate date will be the following weekend, Saturday April 3rd.

Slip-holders: Remember that attendance on dock put-in and pullout workdays is required. Managing this ourselves keeps dues down, and

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your assistance allows us to launch the slips in a single day. If you are not currently a slip-holder, dock put-in and pullout workdays are an easy way to meet your required hours.



Frozen Slips on February 27 (Photo courtesy of Dale Quakenbush)

Much of the needed maintenance was performed as we pulled the slips out, but there may be a need for some more work. Jeff and I will update the website and send out an email to the club if there will be a workday prior to March 27th.



Courtesy Dock frozen in February 27 (Photo Courtesy of Dale Quakenbush)

In regards to the replacement of the bumper material for the north docks, Jeff has devised a way to install it while the docks are in the water, so we will await warmer weather before replacing. The material is stiff and difficult to work with at colder temperatures.

Boats

By Brent Buchanan

This month's featured club boat is a Sea Snark.



Sea Snark (photo courtesy of Brent Buchanan)

Despite residing in the daysailer cemetery, it appears to be complete, with a mast, sail, tiller/rudder, and dagger board (in the storage room), and beyond age and some battle scars, there isn't anything obviously broken. It hasn't been sailed in a while; quite a while. Being Styrofoam, it would make a good nautical-themed cooler. Does anyone know the history of this boat - how long has it been here, where did it come from, were there more (there are two dagger boards in storage)? Any information about it would be appreciated.

Also, if you're seeking hours, please take a look at the Boat Committee tasks listed on web site's new 'Work Opportunities' page.

http://www.sailcarter.org/cgi-bin/static.pl?page=work_opportunities



Historians

Jackie and Mike Gurley

The Docks

The tradition of moving the docks from the parking lot every year and removing from the lake all started when the club moved from mooring balls to slips as required by the county in 1986. The \$6000 for new slips were funded through a \$500 bonds paying 12% interest. Most members of the club contributed towards the bond. At first there was just one set of slips. They were fondly called the bar-joists. They were made of metal joists made of metal bars. Parts of the docks were floated by beer kegs. There is actually one part of the system that is still in use today- the gate. The system was originally stored up at the clubhouse parking lot and not in the parking lot by the ramp. When the county allowed us to store in the parking lot it greatly sped up the process. The system was disassembled and pieced floated across to the ramp and pulled out. No wonder it took a couple of days to put in and remove. The system took one whole day to remove even when in later years it was floated to the ramp for disassembly and removal. It was a difficult system to work with. They would flip over very quickly. The finger pieces were unstable and many a member got dunked, even after several warnings not to attempt to walk or stand on a finger. In about 1992, the club built the system known then as the "C" channel. It is now called the "old slips" or "north slips" or "racer slips" since the "new slips" or "south slips" or "cruiser slips" were built. The "bar-joists" were sold to Horsetooth Marina when the new slips were built.

Put in and removal took two days of hard work. With improvements of design the removal took only one day and now with the additional boom truck it takes less that a whole day.

We used to have a tire breakwater, also built in 1986. Getting that ready for the season took another full day. Every year the darn thing would sink and we would spend several backbreaking hours pulling it off the bottom of the lake. One year it broke away and we could not find it. We finally did and put it back into place. Eventually it was removed; it is not missed by anyone who worked on it. The term Carter Lake Work Club was an accurate description in those days.

Luckily, over all the years we have only had one injury requiring medical treatment. A long time past member got his thumb caught in the wheel and gearing on a winch and broke it. There were only four or five of us removing the dock system that day, we asked if he was ok and told him drive himself to the hospital. His wife was not pleased with us but, after all, we were short on people that day.

And Now, for something completely different!

By Tim Schneider, with Todd and Nina Rogers and Brent Buchanan

'Ol Fashion Sock Burning Social Revival & Potluck...

Greetings Folks,

On behalf of my co-hosts, Nina and Todd Rogers and Brent Buchanan, I would like to invite you to a good old-fashioned sock burning social and potluck at the Club House on Saturday, March 20th!

You might rightfully ask, "What the heck?"

Then again, being sailors you might accept this at face value and show up without question. So before I give you the particulars, let me reprise the story (or perhaps the legend).

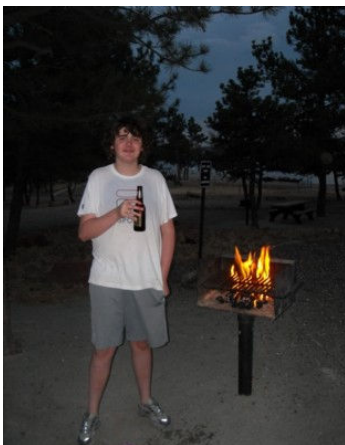
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In recent years, I have been fortunate enough to be able to spend a fair bit of time in the Chesapeake Bay area, and in Annapolis in particular. There I learned of an ongoing tradition—a right of passage into spring—the burning one's old and stinky socks.

Many years ago, on the occasion of the first day of Spring (aka the Vernal Equinox), an Eastport, MD* boatyard worker decided to head down to the beach, start-up a bonfire and have a brew with a buddy or two. Determining that his socks were decidedly foul, and that he would no longer need them since the sockless boat shoe days of spring and summer were just around the corner, he tossed his socks into the fire. In the way of the world, the event was repeated, grew, and a tradition was born. (*Eastport is an enclave within Annapolis, known locally as the "Maritime Republic of Eastport")

Fast forward to the recent past... over the past couple of years my son Jasper and I have carried this unique celebration to Colorado. We first headed to a local park, fired up some coals in a grill (we were within Broomfield City limits), doffed the caps of a couple of root beers and burned our socks. To be sure, a few eyebrows were raised by some of our fellow citizens. Seeking a more nautical setting, last year we brought the show up to Carter Lake.



A sockless Jasper enjoying his root beer (photo courtesy of Tim Schneider)

But we would much rather do it properly this year, and would like to invite you to a sock burning fire and potluck at the Club House on Saturday, March 20th from 11 am to 4 pm or so. We'll have a little ceremony to welcome Spring and the boating season at 11:32 am local time (marking the official passage of the Vernal Equinox), and then we'll burn some socks and eat.

What you should bring...

Something to roast on the grill (hot dogs, brats or burgers spring to mind, and buns), your favorite beverage to imbibe (don't forget the root beer for the kiddos), something to share as noted below, and a sunny disposition:

A-H - Desserts

I-O - Munchies

P-Z - Side dishes

And of course, to do this right, you should wear an old pair of socks to contribute to the fire.

We hope to see you there! Read more about it!

<http://www.hometownannapolis.com/video/1237612036EastportBurningoftheSocks>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/04/02/travel/havens-sock-burning-and-sailing-the-rites-of-spring.html?pagewanted=all>



We'll be sailing sooner than you think! (Photo from Carter Lake Open 2009 courtesy of Dana Lacy Chapman)

